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**REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION AND
CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §122 (b)(2)(B)(i)**

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
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Sir:

As an authorized agent of the above-identified applicant(s), the undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. §122(b).

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Respectfully submitted,

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